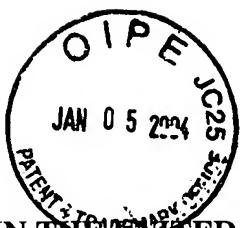


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Submitted herewith is the executed English translation of the application along with a Declaration of Translator. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment. Please consider the amendment to the claims in the attached Preliminary Amendment.

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